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The Anthracite Calendar.

This proposal, included in the statement given out on Thursday by the ecretaries of the conference between the operators and the miners of the anthracite region, may be accepted as authentic:

"As the end of the discussion the operators nade the definite proposition to renew the present ens for a term of three years."

The present agreement between operors and miners expires on March 31 of this year. If it should be renewed for a term of three years it would expire on March 31, 1912. In June or July of 1912 will be held the conventions for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President to be voted for in the following November.

The find it as difficult to understand why the operators should deliberately propose to make the next readjustment of wages and rules in the hard coal country a preliminary of the political campaign of 1912 as we do to credit the report that the miners are reluctant to take advantage of the glittering opportunity offered to them.

A Character Sketch by Mr. Taft.

FAFT will discharge his great responsifor March.

It deals with his appointment as a time when he was a United States Circuit Judge in Ohio. Mr. TAFT has to whom he owed the oppostunity to will decide to join the Hon. JIMMY! take his place in the front rank of Amerthe capital Mr. TAFT did not know understood that the Hon. JIMMY must what was in the wind. The offer of the be representing some one-this would responsible post at Manila took him be a sine qua non of his participation prospect almost appalling to a man who its chief appeal to Democrats in this was not active in his habits and "whose community. only ambition was to go to Washington The Hon. JIMMY also made it known to find a cushion on a bench." Mr. that the names of a respectable num-MCKINLEY, however, persuaded him to ber of candidates had already been suband generous envy.

did not realize until his turn came to IVINS. With this list the Hon. JIMMY dealt only with facts—the hardships select a Cabinet. In dealing with both is now busy. houses of Congress Mr. McKinley had more power than any other President The Stot Machine as a Homicidal Mr. TAFT has ever known. Everybody understands why—WILLIAM MCKINLEY A little girl was killed by a penny in was a specialist in Congressional mat- the slot weighing machine in a street in ters and knew how every incident and this city on Sunday evening. She was development of policy would strike a in a group of children who were amus-Senator or Representative. In emer-ing themselves by jumping up and down gencies they expected to be directed on the platform on which it is intended by him, for he had been a leader and that the person shall stand whose weight generation to learn. Writing in 1873 Mr. suthority second to none in his party is to be recorded. The machine, which COLVIN said in one of his reports: imagine Mr. TAFT's appreciation of the | weighed 200 pounds, fell over on the girl advantage which this contact and un- and crushed her to death. derstanding of men and their motives The presence of so dangerous sor had when he took the oath of office, a sufficient excuse to say that the maand is not likely to make the mistake of chine would not have hurt anybody if bullying Congress or disregarding its it had been let alone. It was not incomposite human nature.

ship of the Philippines President McKIN- form-not, perhaps, to jump up and LEY said to him: "Now, I am going to down on it as this child did, but to get stand by you out there. You will be on in order to be weighed, and thereby criticised; you will have a great deal of put one cent into the purse of the are given of his tact in refusing it could not tumble down.

without dissent in any particular, and he savs: "Ultimately the work was accomplished, and

that policy which McKINLEY would have had us Nothing is plainer than that WILLIAM

McKinley's undemonstrative, goodthings commends itself to Mr. TAFT.

The New Inspector of Mayors.

It is with pleasure not unmixed with a pardonable sense of self-congratulation that we announce that a tiny mustard seed of suggestion of ours, sown hopefully but doubtfully upon unpromising soil, has sprung up, flowered and is even now bearing fruit. We ventured the other day to express the devout hope that the new forces for civic enlightenment then gathering might find arises to announce that he has the selfand fearless public press.

Nobody supposed that it would require ong persuasion to prevail upon the Hon. JIMMY to accept any public or quasipublic office—his readiness to volunteer in such labor has been too often proved to need further testimonial from us. Yet his enlistment at this crucial moment will lend enormous strength to the cause of unselfish reform. Incidentally it will save the Hon. HERBERT PARSONS from the need of devoting too much of his valuable time to irksome details, such as the choice of candidates. He will be able to spend more time in tea pouring and other social phases of the county committee regeneration work. Having been deacons at Yale at about the same time the Hon. JIMMY and the Hon. HER-BERT will of course work with the same high ideals and laudable purposes.

In a public interview in which he indicated his appreciation of the wide scope of his new task the Hon. JIMMY yesterday said: "But I am not long winded enough to start a municipal The restfulness that has fallen upon campaign in March!" While commendthe country in the first days of the new ing the characteristic modesty of this Administration seems to presage a statement, we cannot fail to point out complete change in methods at Wash- its essential inaccuracy. What member ington. For the impression that Mr. of the City Club who recalls the talks that the Hon. JIMMY used to give upbilities with as little friction as possible town about conditions in the submerged and without vainglory there is war- districts can permit this utterance to go anting in interesting article by him unchallenged? The Hon. JIMMY at the much modesty again, by half. Henceforth, of course, the real question of the much to say about WILLIAM MCKINLEY, municipal campaign is what movement

In the course of his description of ican public men. The dignified and his conception of his new duties the and would be stopped at 11 o'clock? honorable labors of the bench suited Hon. JIMMY also let it be understood Probably no one does. Thirsts assert him, and he was in love with its com- that he was "looking over the works" themselves at all hours and are assuaged. parative ease and comfort. His utmost to use a mere colloquial expression—as It is unquestionably a physical possibilambition was to be promoted to the the duly authorized representative of ity to enforce the present 1 o'clock A. supreme tribunal in Washington. When Supreme Morality at Oyster Bay. We M. closing law, but it is not a political ident McKinley summoned him to are glad to know this. Naturally we probability. completely by surprise. A journey of in any movement—but we recognize 10,000 miles to rule over several millions what a tremendous help this circum-

assume the risk both to his health and mitted to him by enthusiastic admirers reputation, and in telling the story Mr. of aspirants. He indicated that his TAFT gives us a character study of the list already included the names of President who did great things quietly, NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER, CHARLES the trackless forest and running the including the conduct of three wars. S. WHITMAN, WILLIAM R. WILLCOX, Through it runs a note of admiration E. R. L. GOULD and M. LINN BRUCE. In fact the Hon. JIMMY even admitted "Major McKinley was a great judge that there had been some roundabout was vivid and he was captive to a reof men," says Mr. TAFT-how great he suggestion of the Hon. Uncle BILLY splendent style. VERPLANCK COLVIN of the British designers excel. Other

Agency. before he became President. One can was constructed chiefly of iron and

tended to be let alone. Its presence When Mr. TAFT accepted the Gover- was an invitation to get upon the plattrouble on one hand and the other, but owner. No one would think of disputenfidence and loyalty made a deep had got on to be weighed. The possiapression upon Mr. TAFT. He dwells bility, indeed the very great proba-

Mr. TAFT, than any public man the streets are chargeable with negli- els of a mountain. We confess that after his time, but he could be firm and gence in permitting the maintenance the first impulse to believe, we have wrate when persuasion failed. His in them of structures of this character our doubts about the Mammoth Cave temper and courtesy were unfail- having no conceivable relation to any losing its primacy. The finding of elkand anger he never displayed, proper street use and placed there solely horns and a fresh bear track of enor-

is Mr. TAPT's observation), when he police might well be instructed in view well as an encounter with clouds of sent a forcible message to a man who of this tragic accident to ascertain how bats, was impressive, but there are had threatened dire things if his advice many more unsecured slot machines other details that arrest credulity. upon the policy that should be pursued there are in the streets, avenues and manslaughter.

Some years ago, in the case of a travo day we are trying to carry out in every respect the falling of the shafts of a wagon in the street at night instead of putting it in his stable, the city was cast in heavy natured and conciliatory way of doing the illegal obstruction of the roadway, broke the fastenings. Several hours factory. later a high wind which had arisen in the available for leadership the Hon. JAMES meantime blew over the showcase as BRONSON REYNOLDS. Now, less than an elderly lady was passing and she was four days later, the Hon. JIMMY himself knocked down by it and quite severely hurt. For the injuries thus sussame task in hand; that he intends to tained this lady recovered a substantial devote to the work of inspecting the verdict against the city of Brooklyn. reform candidates for Mayor the same The courts held that the authorities distinguished talents that made his ought not to have tolerated the presence study of the hogs of Packingtown so of the showcase on the sidewalk at all, illustrious. This amazing fruition, we even if it was securely held in place, and modestly suggest, indicates anew the that under the circumstances they were immense power for good of an ingenious chargeable with notice that it had become unsafe in view of the time which had elapsed between its partial overthrow by the truck and the occurrence

of the accident. We do not undertake to say that the city is legally responsible for the death of the child who was killed by the fall of the slot machine on Sunday evening. That depends upon the position of the machine in the street, the length of time it had been there, and other facts conperning which we have no information. What we do say, however, is that the their guard as to permitting the mainstructures in the public streets.

The Sunday Saloon.

The usual bill providing for the legal sale of liquers in this city on Sundays is introduced this year under highly respectable patronage. The active Dr. PETERS, with the Committee of Fourteen, is behind the measure, and their advocacy is likely to attract to its support many persons who hitherto have had no interest in it or have actually opposed it. Needless to say, it will have the support of the liquor interests.

The bill would allow the sale of liquor between 1 o'clock P. M. and 11 o'clock P. M. As liquor is sold between these that appears in the National Magazine same time expressed some doubt as to hours now wherever there is a profit whether the movement he joined would in the trade, the effect of the enactment be "partisan or multi-partisan" -- mulcti- of the measure would simply be to Governor of the Philippines in 1900, at partisan we presume he meant. Too make lawful a trade now carried on in riolation of the statute.

But who believes that with the sale of liquor permitted on Sundays between the hours named in this bill the sale would not be carried on before 1 o'clock

The North Woods' New Wonder.

People who have read "Adirondack" MURRAY'S stories and the narrative of VERPLANCE COLVIN'S survey in the '70s of Asiatics in a tropical country was a stance will be to any movement making were not indisposed to believe that a cave with many chambers, pools and profundities, perhaps rivalling the Mammoth in Kentucky, had been casually found in the Adirondack wilderness by a native "cruising" for timber.

The Rev. Mr. MURRAY's books fill the great North Woods with wonders; man is kin with the beasts, and in threading rapids of its rivers he is always in the presence of danger and enveloped by and triumphs of the first scientific survev ever made in the Adirondack country; but his truth was more absorbing than any fiction. He conveyed the rugged grandeur and solitude of the has done. One felt that after his painstaking work was completed there were parts of the Adirondacks still unexplored and holding secrets for another

"It is a peculiar region; for though the geographical centre of the wilderness may be readily and easily reached in the light canoelike boats of the guides by lakes and rivers, which form a gave William McKinley. Mr. Taft, instrumentality should not be tolerated labyrinth of passages for boats, the core, or rather setts is clearly entitled to his services in the however, enters upon his duties with a in the public streets—we mean danger—cores, of this wilderness extend on either hand Senate and Mr. Lodge ought to go. Did he better acquaintance with members of ous unless effectively secured against from these broad avenues of water and in their Congress than his immediate predeces- the liability to topple over. It is hardly interior remain to day spots as untrodden by man out Mr. Dawes and as unknown and wild as when the Indian alone paddled his birchen boat upon those streams and lakes. Amid these mourftain solitudes are places at this moment where in all probability the foot of man never trod, and here the panther has his den among the rocks and rears his savage kittens undisturbed save by the growl of the bear or screech of lyng or the hoarse croak of raven taking his share of the carcass of the deen."

Remote from stage road and summer caravanseries the Adirondack forest am going to stand by you." This ing the child's right to be there if she still knows the panther and the wildness is primeval. There are still mountains unnamed or designated by letith satisfaction upon Mr. McKinley's bility, that children in the exercise of ters, as in Colvin's prime when he had urance that no appointments would their youthful activities would resort the honor of conferring the names of made in the Philippines upon political to it for purposes of play was so obvious Governors of New York upon some of ands—none that were not approved that it ought to have been anticipated the highest peaks. One of the giants him. Mr. TAFT testifies that the in a great city like this; and the dictates in Essex appropriately bears his own was scrupulously kept by of reasonable care demanded that such name. So, we say, readers of Adiron-MCKINLEY. Some illustra- a machine should be so fastened that dack literature were credulous when the story came from Saranac Lake that a make undesirable appointments; There must be some point at which indeed, Mr. McKinley had more the municipal authorities in charge of depths had been discovered in the bowand anger he never displayed, proper street use and placed there solely horns and a fresh bear track of enormous size in one of the chambers, as

The great cavern gapes on the crest in the Philippines was not taken. Mr. public places of the city of New York or side of "W" Mountain, but this emi-TAFT shared Mr. McKinley's views invested with the latent potentiality of nence is not isolated, nor is the country west and south very mountainous. Northeast some five miles is Lyon eller on the highway who was killed by Mountain, which is very well known. W" is said to lie between Twin Ponds which the owner was permitted to leave and the village of Standish. Standish is not more than five miles south of Upper Chateaugay Lake, and a mile damages for its negligence in tolerating away the iron horse snorts on the Chateaugay railroad. Where "W which was judicially declared also to Mountain ought to be we find Norton be a nuisance. A still later case in Peak on the map. A well travelled Brooklyn emphasizes the liability of a country road must run between "W municipality under analogous condi- and Standish, and the mountain as detions. For many years a merchant had scribed can't be more than two miles been allowed to maintain a showcase from the railroad. Timber cruisers containing plated ware in front of his must have been all over it time and store, on the outer edge of the sidewalk again. Reluctantly we reject the rival near the curb. It was securely fast- of the Mammoth Cave, and suspend ened to the sidewalk. A heavy truck sceptance of it even as a natural woncame along, struck the showcase and der until the evidence is more satis-

A Word to a Tempter.

An affectionate even if vain word of entreaty and remonstrance to the Hon. FRANK HARRIS HITCHCOCK, Postmaster-General: We have no fear that the 'insurgents" are not as superior to the emptations as to the frowns of power. The fag end of committee assignments, a Speaker, dust on all their bills, amendments and high schemes for the good of man; the cold shoulder in the departments. Our twenty-four or thirty or Schilles's "Child and Parrot," and the colthirty-six Spartans have counted the ored crayon study of M. C. Kobbe. Helen cost and will not kick when the bill exist. They have hitched their wagon tribute miniatures of fine quality. The to a star. They can be upset, but they will die game, and the austerity of their virtue is as much beyond suspicion as beyond praise.

But the Democrats, who were going to help the "insurgents" restore "free speech" in the House and make it once more "a deliberative body"! Weak brethren, so many of them, inclined by nature, habit and Democratic "traditions" to look upon the offices as the chief end of man and Congressman. They look so "easy" to a suasive giver of pap like our friend the Massachusetts-Ohio traveller and collector. Alas! we have no confidence in the virtue of some of them. They will fall if they get a chance. But surely we can trust tive of it. This she has done. Her portraits are in a more subdued key and show feeling for character. Helen Farnsworth Mears contributes relief portraits of Saint Gaudens and of her mother.

Charles H. Davis is represented at the Macbeth Galleries, 450 Fifth avenue, in fifteen canvases, his recent landscape work. He paints the higher sky altitudes and floating clouds with much richness, teeling and skill. There is a snow bit which suggests delicate vision and sensitive pigments. His composition is usually conventional, but there are several pictures which are broad, even impressioncasualty is of a character which ought brethren, so many of them, inclined by to put the municipal authorities on nature, habit and Democratic "traditenance of unlawful and dangerous chief end of man and Congressman. get a chance. But surely we can trust Mr. HITCHCOCK to spare them.

"We can win with twenty-four votes f the Democrats line up in solid mass,' says the Hon. VICTOR MURDOCK, "insurgent," of Kansas, Respect that solid mass, young man from Massachusetts-Ohio! You inherit, you must maintain the high erected civil service idealism of the Roosevelt administration. Abase not the banner of reform. Besides, what pleasure can there be in tempting frailty so brittle?

The Ivins Charter is the finest piece of fiction have read in years,—The Hon. THOMAS F

One of the "ten best sellers," we presume

The Hon. JIM DAHLMAN, cowboy Mayor of Omaha, has declined to attend a Bryan dollar dinner. We think ourselves that the price might be reduced to 50 cents for very old friends.

In studying the various suggestions for the elimination of the Raines law hotel, why has no one ever hit upon the simple expedient of eliminating RAINES himself?

We hope that the Wiccopee Methodist whose prayer meeting was recently invaded by the devil in proper costume, will not neglect to ask Governor HUGHES for a legislative investigating commission.

A mule is an appropriate gift to a com munity that increased its vote for Mr. BRYAN by 694 per cent.

If the new British warship Temeraire can reel off 22.7 knots an hour she is undeniably the fastest battleship in the world. In commission the United States navy has none capable of more than 19 knots, but our greater Dreadnoughts, the Delaware and North Dakota, are expected to make 21 knots on their trial trips. The displacement will be 1,400 tons greater than that of the Temeraire. While warships in commission seldom have mystery. This author's imagination the speed they show on trial trips, it must he admitted that in this matter the shipe things being equal, the faster sea fighter would have a great advantage in a well fought battle.

Massachusetts at Washington.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: As Mr. Webster said: "I shall enter on no en-New York wilderness as no other man comium upon Massachusetts," but it is evident that her supply of talent exceeds the in the councils of the nation. Mr. Moods preserve by elevating him to the Suprem same hallowed region by successive posts result that Massachusetts has two Supreme Court Judges and two members of the Cabinet. Then, what about Mr. McCall. who seems to be more of a statesman than anybody else now in Congress? Massachushow any compunctions about TAFT DEMOCRAT. Boston, March 12.

Military Despotism in India. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: The sta-tistics of India are very misleading if we forget that its population is around 300,000,000. People are continually talking of the military despotism that holds the people down. In the roster just published only 70,000 white troops are shown in the India establishment. Owing to the climate in some districts a large percentage of these are on the sick list. Even at a normal ratio the United States would be equally oppressive in the Philippines with one full regiment, and New York would be equally coerced if the police force was just one-seventh of its present size. BROOKLYN, March 11. ALFRED C. WAGNER.

A Sympathetic Family. Jones talked about the poor man's lot. Ground 'neath the rich man's mailed fist. Yet never divvied up his wealth With those whom fortune fair had missed

To be a parlor socialist. His wife held forth on woman's wrongs At fashion's softly lighted tryst, Yet never braved the jeer and sneer In fact, she might with truth be said To be a tearoom suffragist.

In fact, he might with truth be said

They had an ordinary boy Who found it glory to exist, Whose principles were primitive In fact, the simplest on the list, He might with truth be said to be

MCLANDBURGE WILSON.

ART NOTES.

Under the attractive rubric of "Etchings of the Seventeenth Century" the Keppel Gallery, 4 East Thirty-ninth street, has issued a catalogue of its present exhibition, devoted to the etched work of Jacques Callot, Adrian Van Ostade, Pieter Breughel, Cornelis Dusart, Pieter Bout, Claude Gelée, the inimitable Claude of Lorraine; Swanevelt, Jan Van der Velde, Allart Van Everdingen, Anton Waterloo, Jan Both, Paul Potter, Nicolas Berchem, Karel Du Jardin, Johann Heinrich Roos, Dirck Stoop, C. Moyaert, Jan Van der Meer, Wenceslaus Hollar-a Bohemian protégé of the Earl of Arundel and a brilliant etcher who died in want at London-and Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo, the son of Giovanni Battista Tiepolo. An exceedingly interesting grouping this of the Little Masters of etching. not necessary to recapitulate their various characteristics, but nearly every genre is represented. The fantastic Callot, who like Claude hails from Lorraine (which later produced the father of Chopin and the living Maurice Barrès) is seen in his "Stag Hunt," second state of four, and other specimens of a versatile art that ranged from the rude humor of his "Beggars" to the "Misery of War" series. Lovers of black and white will not miss this chance at the Keppels', which lasts

The Woman's Art Club of New York is holding an exhibition of water colors, pastels, sculpture and miniatures at the gallery of Hamilton Bell & Co., 18 East Forty-first street. Among other clever cold and fishlike unregarding eye of the pieces we noticed the "Pink Roses" of M. E. Scott, the "Wall Flowers" of Elizabeth Hardenberg, and Frieda Wetter Redmond's "Tea Roses," Katharine Hulbert's "Hillside," the marine of Alice de Haas, Alice Winslow Durkee, Mabel Welch, Harriet comes. To them postmasters do not Strafer and Ethellyn Brewer DeFoe constudy in red, a nude female set against a background, shows Mrs. DeFoe in brilliant mood. It is an obviously grateful theme, all the more difficult for that reason to make something freshly effective of it. This she has done. Her por-

until April 6.

tures which are broad, even impreistic. The landscapes of DeWitt Parshall at the Bauer-Folsom Galleries, 396 Fifth avenue, are the work of an earnest student who just now often sees his nature across other men's paint. A Dutch painter and water colorist, W. B. Tholen has over thirty of his productions at the Noé Galleries, Fifth avenue, corner of Forty-first street. We prefer his water colors. The exhibition of etchings and book plates by Allen Lewis, at the Little Gallery of the Photo-Secession, 291 Fifth avenue, which comes to an end March 15, will be followed by an exhibition deroted to the work of John Marin and Alfred Maurer, two young Americans esiding in Paris. Water color is their medium. At the Lenox Library the little collection of contemporary Bohemian artists is still on view. Its excellences have been dealt with at length in these

The Gargoyles of Princeton

From the Princeton Alumni Weekly.

The architectural effectiveness of the building rected on the Princeton campus during the last en years has often been commented on, but little f anything has been written about the cleverness and humor of the gargoyles and grotesques in the ornamentation of the buildings. These whimsical carvings, of which there are a great number.

various types, numerous tigers, very appro-priately, and nameless monsters in all sorts of contorted attitudes, the different forms of under-graduate life are frequently symbolized in these gargoyles. Athletics ranging from ping pong to rowing form a favorite subject. On the west-ern end of McCosh Hall, the new recitation building, a specially conspicuous example is a gro tesque of a halfback heading full tilt for an in arm. Jutting out from an angle of the masonry near by is a large griffin shaped gargoyle with a chubby monk tightly clinging to his tall, a group hat looks as if it were copied from some illum nated missal. McCosh Hall has several mediaval over a huge volume, there a student in cap and gown dublously scratching his head over his book, elsewhere another monk studying geog-raphy with globe and atlas, while still another gazes ceaselessly through a telescope pointed to the sky. Not far from these hints uate life is a goose in mortarboard and spectacles trying to look learned, probably a satire on the faculty. The latest craze of modern life is repreented by a chauffeur in cap and goggles, his ands clutching a steering wheel.

It is appropriate that above the gymnasium entrance a brownle should be lifting a pair of dumbbells larger than himself, and that over the main arch of the library should be a half lengt figure with bandaged eyes, evidently typifying ignorance, while on the other side of the arch is a delightful little imp grasping a massive key the key to knowledge. High up on the library tower a brownie policeman pursues a riotous undergraduate, while a baseball player looks undergraduate, while a baseball player looks on disdainfully from a neighboring cornice. In front of one of the dormitories the curious visitor shaddenly becomes aware that a camera is being pointed at him by a quizzical little stone gentleman. Beneath one of the second story windows and almost hidden in the arch of another dormi-tory he will find a fierce but stient scuffle going on between a capped and gowned proctor and a rebellious student. Perched on the moulding at the unfinished end of the same building is a brownie stonemason carrying in one hand a model of the dormitory and in the other a well filled money bag-a prophetic fancy of the carve -while on one gable of the physical laboratory trying with a big stick to move the earth at his feet, is a strenuous looking figure with an unmistakable smile on his face and wearing conspicue

In the year 2000 or thereabout no doubt some enterprising student in the graduate college will make these grotesque carvings the subject of a dissertation for his doctorate.

From the Kansas City Journal.
"Do you know," said a New Yorker, looking at map of Kansas and talking to a Kansas man, that you have such very strange names for towns here in Kansas? Take these two—Palacky and ikiddy. Very odd names indeed." Where do you live?" asked the Kansan.

All the year round?" "No," was the reply. "Part of the time I live in Hoboken and part of the time in Poughkeepsie." The "Noo Yo'ker" is still wondering why the Kansas man laughed.

Where Tammany Stands. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Referring the paraphrase of a celebrated English couplet everlastingly opposed to silk stockings and smug respectability. That's all. Tobascus.

NEW YORK, March 11.

Calling the Roll in The Bronx. Tell me not of the blackbird and robin, Or of the fisherman's float a bobbin. You've forgotten one most important thing. Which to me is the surest sign of spring! You can hear it at present throughout the land. The music (ve gods) of a German band!

COUNTING THE CATHOLICS. How the Figures in the Official Directory

Are Complied. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In view of the fact that THE SUN was one of the first papers to take up the controversy regarding the correctness of the Cathol statistics printed in our Official Catholi Directory, we would respectfully request that you allow us to make a number of corrections. In the main your article of ebruary 26 was correct, and we wish most emphatically and positively to repeat that the Catholic statistics as given in our di-rectory are not padded, but are the result of actual returns received from the various Archbishops and Bishops of the United States. Archbishop Ireland is no doubt misquoted in saying that the statistics of the Catholic Directory are furnished by the Most Rev. Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis. This is an error. Archbishop Glennon furnishes us the statistics only for his own archdiocese, and the figures for all the other archdioceses and dioceses are sent direct by the authorities of each respective dioese. The Bishops receive from all parish priests in their dioceses a complete repor as to the number of Catholics, the number as to the number of Catholics, the number of school children, number of teachers, baptisms, confirmations, &c., in their respective parishes, and these figures after being compiled and footed are transmitted to us. Consequently we can prove that the figures are not guesswork or the estimates of any one particular man, as the sum total is obtained by accurate and systematic checking up.

checking up.

The discrepancy between our grand total and the grand total of Catholics estimated by Protestant authorities is easily explained. Protestant statisticians in figuring the Catholic church statistics consider only communicants, and as Catholic chil-

plained. Protestant statisticians in figuring the Catholic Church statistics consider only communicants, and as Catholic children under the age of 12 years do not receive Holy Communion they would be excluded from this count, although they are in every respect practical Catholics, attending the Catholic schools and performing their other religious duties.

Protestant statisticians have suggested that we deduct a certain percentage for baptized non-communicants, but this would not give the full strength of the Catholic Church in the United States. We cannot understand how the New York correspondent of the London Times became imbued with the idea that the Catholic statistics were padded, nor can we understand why he should say that the entire population of the so-called Roman Catholic countries swells the total. He is wide off the mark, and if he had carefully read the statistics as printed in The Sun the latter part of January he would have noted that the total number of Catholics in the United States was given as 14,235,431, and that the 22,000,000 was meant for Catholics under the United States flag, that is, including those in the Philippines and other transmarine provinces.

When the results of Archbishop Glennon's

but we never swerved from our policy of giving only exact returns, and the findings of Archishop Glennon's census will no doubt prove us to be correct. THE M. H. WILTZIUS COMPANY. MILWAUEEE, Wis., March 19.

THE EMPLOYEE PUZZLE. Case in Which a Railway Union Falled

in Justice to a Memory. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: roads are operated by the unions or by the officials supposedly responsible for the safety of the travelling public, an account of an incident on an Eastern railroad, recently narrated in my hearing by an official. years experience and with an excellent recinfraction of the rules, which while not resulting in an accident had come to the notice of the chief locomotive engineer. was reported to the superintendent, my

In view of the past record of the engineer

ment, as he had a right to do.

The committee from the brotherhood had the man before them and went into the case detail by detail, and reported to the superintendent that in view of all the circumstances they could discover it was as clear a case of neglect of duty as could possibly happen and that the only course open to the road was to sustain its chief locomotive engineer and confirm the discharge.

The superintendent still felt there was something which had not come to the surface. He made a still more searching investigation, and found the one thing which cleared the engineer of the charge and promptly reinstated him.

As the superintendent put it, the engineer, being rather stolid and slow thinking, was so "jarred" by his summary discharge by his chief that the one little circumstance which would have cleared his record absolitely escaped him; and he had to deal with an obstinate and cocksure chief who would instantly form a conclusion and was never known to change his mind.

The superintendent who related these facts frankly congratulated himself that he had retained on his road a valuable employee, and his comments on the conduct of the case by the committee from the union was trying to run his road.

I am not a railroad man or a union man, and very often in industrial matters I have seen, or thought I have seen, far more to condemn than to commend in the manage ment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I do wish to put on recomment of unions; but I WALTER A. BALLARD PITTSBURG, March 10.

"HOMES" FOR WOMEN.

Criticism of Their Management by Or Who Has Tried Them.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: I was very much interested in "Southern Gentleman's" letter on the Mills hotels. It is the same in such was surprised at the vast difference in the quality and quantity of food that I received in an ordinary boarding house for a very little more a week, not to mention the thousand other econo mies one has to practise in these homes.

I came to the conclusion that a large amount of money was wasted somehow, and I believe with "Southern Gentleman" that the managers of the "homes" should investigate the receipte and disbursements. If such places were intelligently run-that is if competent housekeeps and superintendents were employed—they to yield good profit annually, and at the same time the boarders would receive more nearly what they pay for—for they pay high for the accom-modations and food they receive. No ordinary bearding houses could stand for a week if they gave their boarders the tough meat, the hard bread and the overripe or green fruit served a wishtness coming along out of they those homes. Fruit is served as dessert at claypits there? 'Tis well known I seed days in every week, the seventh day having the variety of bread or rice pudding. Many a time did I hear while I was there this true old proverb: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

sides, one is treated like an inmate of the county poorhouse even by the maids. Now, when a girl pays \$6 or \$7 a week for such food and accommodations, with the privilege of gas for only about three hours a day, she is paying for more than she gets.

A Working Girl.

Fair Notice of a New Religion.

God wants boys to take open air exercise. I be lieve that God wants children to be fed on oatmea'

NEW YORK, March 12.

The Limit. Stella-Did she cultivalte her voice? Bella-Worse; she uplifted it.

NEW BOOKS.

Best of the Philipotts Stories. Mr. Eden Phillpotts's story of "The Three Brothers" (the Macmillan Company) seems to us to be the best yet of the long eries of these remarkable Dartmoor take If Shakespeare had written novels we can think that some of his pages would have been like some of these. Here certainly s language, turn of humor, philosophical play, vigor of incident such as might have come straight from Elizabeth's day. We do not know whether the Dartmoor rustics of this time are really like these people; if they are they are an exceedingly interesting lot, and one could not ask for better company. We suspect that if the matter were tested the explorer would meet with some disappointment. It is of no conwords of the book, "Let be."

These three brothres were Vivian and Humphrey and Nathan Baskerville. Vivian a farmer, a mountain of a man had been champion wrestler of Devonshire for nine years and was still mighty at 70. Humphrey, a little younger, lived a lonely life on the moor; he had a bitter tongue and was hated and feared. Nathan the youngest, an inn keeper, was loved by everybody; people entrusted their money to him without security, and as long as he lived he paid them four and one-half per cent. The story pictures these three in a remarkable manner, and as well their sons and their daughters and their neighbors. In the case of two of them, Nathan and Humphrey, there came to pass surprising revelations; and indeed the giant farmer furnishes a surprise, for he slipped while carrying a sack of grain and the mass fall on him and made an end of him.

This story exhibits at their best those remarkable qualifications of the author which find their expression in descriptions of natural scenes, in analysis of character and mind and in dialogue. What a fine roll is there and what a sense of the place is conveyed in the opening paragraph of the sixth chapter here: "Where Wigmore Down descends in mighty shoulders clad with oak, there meet the rivers Plym and Mew, after their divers journeyings on Dartmoor. The first roars wild and broken from its cradle aloft on the midmost waste and falls with thunder under Cadworthy and beneath the Dewerstone: the other as becomes a stream that has run through peaceful valleys by bridges and the hamlets of men, shall be found to wander with more gentle current before she passes into the throbbing bosom of her sister. Above them, on a day in early summer the hill ascended washed with light, spread hugely for the pomp of the leaf." ever Plym and Mew may be, according to comparative measurements and statis tics, surely they are excellent and fulfilling rivers here.

The dialogue is crowded with interesting observations, as, for instance, where Rupert Baskerville, son of the huge Vivian, says to Milly Luscombe, speaking of his sister May, of whom Milly has just remarked that she is a large girl: "Yes, she's the very dans of father. She'll he a whacker when she grows up. "Tis a nuisance for a woman to be made so terrible beamy. But there 'tis-and a happier creature never had to walk slow uphill." Cora Lintern, the beauty with the hard

and calculating heart, was bored by what Mark Backerville, who was in love with her, said concerning the church bells, one of which it was his business to ring If her heart had been kinder her imagination would have been more sensitive and she would not have been bored. Mark said: "The first thing is for a ring of bells to be in harmony with itself, and founders ought to be free to make 'em so. The bells are never better than when they are broken out of the moulds, and every In view of the past record of the engineer and a feeling that there must be some mitigating circumstances or something which did not appear in the record of the case, the superintendent undertook of his own motion to get at the whole truth, but at first without apparent benefit to the engineer. The engineer himself, through the union of which he was a member, sought reinstatement, as he had a right to do.

The committee from the brotherhood had the man before them and went into the case of the moulds; and every touch of the lathe or chip of the chisel is music lost. The thickness of the sound bow should be one-thirteenth of the diameter, you must know; but modern bells are made for cheapness. Long in the waist and high in the shoulder they should be, for true fineness of sound; but they agt 'em with short waists and flat shoulders now. 'Tis easier to hang and ring them so; but they don't give the same music. My tenor is a wonderful good bell. as we say-one cast true, that has never had a chip at the sound bow. 'I call the quick to church and dead to grave,' is her motto. A Pennington bell she is, and no bell founder ever cast a better. Every year makes her sweeter, for there's nothing improves bell metal like time." Poor Mark! He rang his tenor bell and hanged himself by the rope of it when

> The story tells us of the revival of the Christmas mummers and the play of St. George." The revival was accomplished notwithstanding the strong objections of Jack Head, the radical and infidel farm laborer, who inquired and declared: "What for do we want to stir up a lot of silly dead foolishness that our grandfathers invented? Ban't there nothing better to do with ourselves and our wits than dress up like a shipload of monkeys and go play acting? We might so well start to wassail the apple trees and put mourning on the bee butte when a man dies." In conclusion Jack spoke outrageously of the village. He said: "When the devil was showing the Lord the kingdoms of the earth and the glory of 'em he kept his thumb on Shaugh Prior, so as none should see what a dungheap of a place it was." At this Mr. Gollop, the sexton, grew livid. "I appeal to the chair!" he cried. "I appeal to the nation!". He gasped and shook his fist at

Cora jilted him.

Jack. There are very strong and disturbing passages in the book, as, for instance, the one relating the stormy scene between Humphrey and Vivian when the giant farmer's anger "heaved up like seven devils" in him. Miss Gollop, the village nurse, had too her peculiar way of being disturbing. She said to Nathan Backerville as that well thought of man lay dying: "I suppose you ben't one of they godless ones that say ghosts don't walk? Haven't I beheld 'em with these eyes? Didn't I go down to Mrs. Wannacott at Shaugh Bridge in the dimpey of the evening two year ago; and didn't I see claypits there? 'Tis well known I seed it; and if it weren't the spirit of Abraham Vosper, as worked there for fifty year and then was run over by his own team of hosses and fractured to death in five places, whose spirit was it?" Poor Nathan was a good deal disturbed

done great wrong. Such being the case it may be thought what his feelings were when Miss Gollop said to him: "You're To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SET: I intend to found a new religion and I think that it ought to be taught in the public schools. I believe that science tells us what that view's like to rice, hominy and taploca. I believe that God wants men to drink ale and porter. I believe that God hates "ologies and isma." These are the an evil liver go to his doom like a babby first articles of my creed. I will give the others dropping asleep off its mother's nipple: be. 'Tis a good sign you be shaken about dropping asleep off its mother's nipple: and I've seen a pious saint, such as my own father was, get into a terrible tear at the finish, as if he seed all the devils in hell hotting up against his coming The story has its tragedy, but this is